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1. INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM SENEGALESE GOVERNMENT SOURCES
H CROP LOSSES AS FOLLOWS: LOSSES SUSTAINED BY SENEGALESE
AGRICULTURE DURING AGRIC-
ULTURAL CAM-
PAIGN 1972 - 73, IN COMPARISON
WITH MEAN PRODUCTION TAKEN BY AVERAGING 1965 - 66 AND 1971 - 72
HARVEST FOR THE THREE PRINCIPAL CROPS, VIZ. GROUND-NUT, MILLET/
SORGHUM, AND RICE, COMPUTED AS FOLLOWS:

(LOSSES CALCULATE IN TERMS OF ACTUAL VALUE OF COMMODITY
TO THE PRODUCER).

(A) GROUND-NUT, PRESENT LOCAL MARKET VALUE AT 23,100 FRS CFA
TON (\$ 96.00 U.S.) #

567,619 TONS X \$ 96 EQUALS \$54,633,162.

(B) MILLET/SORGHUM PRESENT LOCAL MARKET VALUE AT 17,000 FRS
CFA/TON (\$70.00 US)#

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246,384 TONS X\$70 EQUALS \$17,452,200.

U.S. DOLLAR EQUALS 240 FRS CFA

(C) RICE, VALUED AT 21,000 FRS. CFA/TON (\$87.00 U.S.) 65,517
TONS X\$87 EQUALS \$5,732,737.

TOTAL GRAIN DEFICIT EXPRESSED IN TERMS OF DOLLARS LOST TO
SENEGAL 1972 - 73 (B PLUS B PLUS C) EQUALS \$77,818,099.

2. LIVESTOCK LOSSES DIFFICULT TO ASCERTAIN IN SAME TERMS,
BUT GOS ESTIMATE PLACES THEM AT 25 PERCENT. SINCE PRE-
DROUGHT LIVESTOCK POPULATION ESTIMATED AT 2,500,000 HEAD, THIS
MEANS THAT 625,000 WOULD HAVE SUSUMBED 1972 - 73.

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SAHEL TEAM WHICH ASSESSED/SENEGAL LIVESTOCK LOSSES IN A
RELATIVELY RECENT SURVEY PUT THEM AT 12 PERCENT. USAID
REGIONAL LIVESTOCK ADVISOR BELIEVES 16 PERCENT TO BE A MORE
REALISTIC FIGURE. (MOST CATTLE DEATHS ACCOUNTABLE TO NEWBORN
CALVES IN WEAKENED STATE AND TO MOTHERS PROGRESSIVELY UNABLE
TO SUSTAIN THEM.) IF 16 PERCENT IS TAKEN AS THE MOST
REASONABLE ESTIMATE, AND THE AVERAGE VALUE OF EACH COW/CALF
LOST COMPUTED AT 10,000 FRS CFA, TOTAL LIVESTOCK LOSSES
(AMOUNTING TO 400,000 HEAD) IN NEIGHBORHOOD OF \$17,000,000
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3. RDO RECOMMENDS AID/W REVIEW: (A) REPORT NO 212-SE OF
IBRD, VOLUME 5, DATED AUGUST 15, (B) TABLE 30 OF USDA
INDICES OF AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION IN AFRICA 1967-73 - ERS -
FOREIGN 365 AND (C) AID PUBLICATION ON ECONOMIC GROWTH
TRENDS-AFRICA, DATED AUGUST 1973, PAGE 22.

4. ALL THE ABOVE STATISTICS REFLECT THE SAME TREND, IE.
1965/6*/ -ND 1971/72 BEING RELATIVE GOOD YEARS, AND
1972/73 DISASTROUS.
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